

# Northeast Regional 4-H



## Horse Contests

Communications, Hippology,  
Horse Quiz Bowl and Judging

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## **Background of Contest:**

The Northeast Regional Contest developed from an original quiz bowl contest between Vermont and New Hampshire, starting in the late 1970's or early 1980's. This was to help prepare participants for the national contest. Gradually over the years, Horse Judging, Hippology and Communications were added and the contest was opened up to all of New England. New York and New Jersey showed interest, so they were invited, and New Jersey has supported the contest since at least 2015.

The addition of B teams (including 13 year old members) happened about 2016.

## **Rules and Regulations (some parts may vary slightly depending on the particular contest):**

1. Each state is invited to enter a team of four and an alternate (not for every contest) plus a second team of four and an alternate (if applicable) in each contest category. Teams may be selected by state approved procedure. Teams may compete with fewer than four, recognizing that the team (but not the individuals) will be at a disadvantage.
2. Teams may be selected by any procedure which a state deems appropriate.
3. Contestants must be at least 13 years of age, but not yet have achieved their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. 13 year old members are allowed as the second representative of a state or as the sole representative(s) if no members age 14 and older have been selected to participate.
4. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which this event is held and eligibility must be certified by the State 4-H Extension Office.
5. Contestants must not have competed in (insert name) contests at past National 4-H contests. Contestants are ineligible to participate if they are currently enrolled in college courses that provide specific training for (name of contest), serve on a collegiate (name of contest) team or have participated in intercollegiate (name of contest) events.

6. Contestants (and alternates) may participate in only one contest per year at the Northeast Regional Contest. Contestants may participate in a specific contest for no more than three times.
7. Each state must provide 1 additional adult to assist the contest for each team or partial team entered.

Specific rules for each contest are listed with that specific contest information packet.

### **Contest Officials:**

Overall contest superintendents:

Mary Davis ([mary.davis@unh.edu](mailto:mary.davis@unh.edu)) is in charge of facilities

Mary Fay ([mary.fay@uvm.edu](mailto:mary.fay@uvm.edu)) is in charge of superintendents and contest logistics

Quiz Bowl Superintendent:	Norma Katz ( <a href="mailto:normakatz@yahoo.com">normakatz@yahoo.com</a> )
Hippology Superintendent:	Mary Davis ( <a href="mailto:mary.davis@unh.edu">mary.davis@unh.edu</a> )
Judging Superintendents:	Deb Danforth ( <a href="mailto:Deborah.danforth@castleton.edu">Deborah.danforth@castleton.edu</a> ) and Lori Wunderlich ( <a href="mailto:wunspot@aol.com">wunspot@aol.com</a> )
Communications Superintendent:	Cathy Leathersich ( <a href="mailto:vt.cathode@gmail.com">vt.cathode@gmail.com</a> )

### **Financial:**

All registration monies are sent to Mary Fay with the contest registrations for each state. These funds are kept by the Massachusetts 4-H Foundation, who provide us with information on our "account" when asked. The Massachusetts 4-H Foundation pays or reimburses our expenses when provided with an invoice.

### **Committee:**

Current and past coaches and other interested 4-H people from all of the states involved are invited to participate in discussions about the rules of the contest, location, and fees. All contest information is sent to everyone on this committee.

### **Individual Contest Information follows:**

# Northeast Regional 4-H Hippology Contest



8:30 a.m.

Date:

Location:

Rest of contest at

Superintendent: Mary Davis ([mary.davis@unh.edu](mailto:mary.davis@unh.edu))

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## **Rules and Regulations:**

1. Each state is invited to enter a team of up to four contestants, and a second team and/or up to two individuals. Teams may be selected by state approved procedure. In teams in which there are four members, all will compete, but the member receiving the lowest overall score in each portion of the contest will be dropped from the team total for that contest portion. Individuals whose scores are dropped from team totals will be eligible for individual awards. Teams consisting of three members will have no dropped score and all members' scores will count in determining individual and team awards.
2. Teams may be selected by any procedure which a state deems appropriate.
3. Contestants must be at least 13 years of age, but not yet have achieved their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. 13 year old members are allowed on the second representative team of a state or as the sole representative(s) if no members or not enough members age 14 and over have been selected to participate.
4. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which this event is held and eligibility must be certified by the State 4-H Extension Office.

5. Contestants (including team alternates) may participate in only one contest per year at the Northeast Regional Contest. Contestants may participate in any specific contest for no more than three years.
6. Any 4-H member who has previously participated in the National 4-H Hippology contest as a team member or alternate is not eligible for this event. Contestants are ineligible to participate if they are currently enrolled in college courses that provide specific training for hippology, serve on a collegiate hippology team or have participated in intercollegiate hippology events.
7. Each state is requested to provide 1 additional adult to assist the contest for each team or partial team entered. Coaches serve as judges/scorers for the contest.
8. Each team is responsible for transportation to and from the venue(s).

### Reference Material:

All of the information covered in this contest may be found in one or more of the following publications:

- I. AYHC HIH  
American Youth Horse Council. *Horse Industry Handbook: A Guide to Equine Care and Management*. Lexington, KY: American Youth Horse Council, 1993.
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- IV. KAINER  
Kainer, Robert A., and Thomas O. McCracken. *Horse Anatomy: A Coloring Atlas*. Loveland, CO: Alpine Blue Ribbon Books, 1998. ISBN: 978-1-57779-021-1
- V. LEWIS  
Lewis, Lon D. *Feeding and Care of the Horse*. Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins, 1995. ISBN: 978-0-683-04967-1
- VI. NEWHOR  
*Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms*. Livermore, CO: New Horizons Equine Education Center, 1998. ISBN: 0-931866-88-X
- VII. Dover Saddlery Tack Catalog, current year. Apparel, tack and horse care items for the English rider. To request a free catalog, please visit <https://www.doversaddlery.com> or call toll free 1-888-234-6924.
- VIII. Schneider Saddlery Tack Catalog, current year. Apparel, tack and horse care items for the Western and English rider. To request a free catalog, please visit <https://www.sstack.com> or call toll free 1-800-365-1311.

- IX. Other: Grains forages, and feed preparations used in this contest will be representatives of feeds utilized in horse rations

**Information sources:**

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**The Contest:**

1. Examination Phase – 100 points. This phase of the contest will include:
  - a. written exam – 50 points
  - b. anatomy – 25 points
  - c. projected slides – 25 points
2. Station Phase – 10 stations, 100 points. This phase will consist of a series of stations or tables where contestants will respond to the requirements of the station. Examples of stations which may be used include but not limited to:
  - a. identifying various types of saddles (actual or pictured), parts of saddles, tack, bits, bridles, horse shoes, tools and equipment, grains and forages, internal and external parasites, blemishes, unsoundnesses, ages of equines based on teeth, etc.
  - b. use of pulse rate, respiration rate, temperature, dehydration, anemia, etc. to assess horse health
  - c. measurements such as, but not limited to, wither height, shoe size, girth, collar size, gullet width, seat length of saddle, etc.
3. Judging Phase – 100 points. Contestants will be required to judge at least two classes – conformation and/or performance. Live, pictorial or video/movie classes may be used.
4. Team Problems – 100 points. Timing for team problems – prepared team problem allows for 10 minutes to prepare a response, followed by 7 minutes to deliver, with 3 minutes allowed for questions. Impromptu team problem is 7 minutes to deliver with 3 minutes for questions. All teams will be presented with the same problem(s). Each team will have equal time to discuss among themselves the problem(s), immediately after which they will have to present an oral solution or series of suggested procedures relative to the problem. Each member of the team is encouraged to contribute to the oral presentation. Evaluation will be based on the understanding of the problem, completeness of the response, the probability of success of the solution or procedures and the logic used in making the response. The official may ask questions of any or all of the team members to clarify the presentation. Examples of possible team problems might include:

- a. balancing a horse's ration
- b. farm management recommendations for breeding, training, boarding, nursery, lay-up, horse operations
- c. considerations for the establishment of a new horse facility (stable to be used for a specific purpose)
- d. recommendations for selecting, locating and purchasing horses for specific use
- e. behavior problems – causes, management of and corrections
- f. training and conditioning programs – equipment, schedules, methods, nutrition, problem avoidance
- g. breeding an/or leasing contracts – specific clauses for insurance, liability, payments, care, termination, transport, etc.
- h. teaching lessons in horse management (specific subject to be announced) to a group of 9 to 11 year old beginner 4-H members – where, how long, how much information, hands-on experiences, reinforcement, testing, evaluation
- i. assembling or demonstrating the use of various horse equipment

**Tie Breaking:**

All ties, individual and team, will be broken using the following sequence:

- 1. Overall score
- 2. Examination score (includes both written test and anatomy section as well as slides)
- 3. Station score
- 4. Judging score
- 5. If further tie breaking is needed, the scores at each station, in order, may be used.

**Awards:**

- 1. Awards will be presented to the top 8 individuals in the Examination Phase, in the Station Phase, in the Judging Phase, and Overall.
- 2. Each member of the top 8 teams in the Examination Phase, the Station Phase, the Judging Phase, Team Problems, and Overall will receive awards.
- 3. Awards will be given at the conclusion of all contests. Contestants are asked to remain on site until all awards are presented.

# Northeast Regional 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Contest



Date:

Location:

Superintendent: Norma Katz ([normakatz@yahoo.com](mailto:normakatz@yahoo.com))

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## **Rules and Regulations:**

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9. Teams may be selected by any procedure which a state deems appropriate.
10. Contestants must be at least 13 years of age, but not yet have achieved their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. 13 year old members are allowed as the second representative of a state or as the sole representative(s) if no members age 14 and older have been selected to participate.
11. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which this event is held and eligibility must be certified by the State 4-H Extension Office.
12. Contestants must not have competed in horse quiz bowl contests at past National 4-H contests. Contestants are ineligible to participate if they are currently enrolled in college courses that provide specific training for horse quiz bowl, serve on a collegiate horse quiz bowl team or have participated in intercollegiate horse quiz bowl events.
13. Contestants (and alternates) may participate in only one contest per year at the Northeast Regional Contest. Contestants may participate in a specific contest for no more than three times.

14. Each state must provide 1 additional adult to assist the contest for each team or partial team entered.

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American Youth Horse Council. *Horse Industry Handbook: A Guide to Equine Care and Management*. Lexington, KY: American Youth Horse Council, 1993.
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- a. accept the answer and give an explanation of the correct or up-dated information, for future use of the question.
- b. accept only the correct answer.
- c. replace the question to the appropriate contestants.

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## The Contest:

1. There will be three types of questions used.
  - A. Regular questions – worth 2 points during the one-on-one competition, when only one member of each team may respond, and worth 1 point during the open questions, when any member of either team may respond. These questions count toward individual and team scores. All incorrect answers receive a 1 point deduction (-1).
  - B. Toss-up questions – worth 1 point and are open for response to any member of either team. The toss-up question is used in the open part of the match. If there is a correct answer to the toss-up question, a bonus question will be attached. Toss-up questions are generally a little more difficult than a regular question, and may have two or three required answers. All answers must be correct. The points will count toward both individual and team scores. All incorrect answers receive a 1 point deduction (-1).
  - C. Bonus questions – worth 3 points will be attached to a correctly answered toss-up question, in the open part of the match. When multiple answers are required, 3 points will be awarded if ALL of the required answers are correct. No points will be awarded or deducted if there is less than the required number of answers, or if there are no correct answers. No part of the bonus question will be repeated, nor will any additional information be given to the contestants relative to the question. These points will count toward the team scores only.
    - a. A bonus question attached to an unanswered or incorrectly answered toss-up question will be transferred to the next regular open question (which then becomes a toss-up question), until a correct answer is given.
    - b. The team should allow the moderator to read the complete question. The team will be given 10 seconds to confer. The moderator will call time at the end of 10 seconds. The team captain or designee must then start giving the required number of answers within 5 seconds. Team members may give answers to the captain/designee during the 30 second answering period.
    - c. If the match ends with an unanswered bonus question, the bonus question will not be utilized.
  - D. One-on-one questions are regular questions that shall be addressed to only one member of each team, beginning with the contestants in the #1 chairs (nearest the control operator) on either team and progressing with subsequent questions going to the contestants in the #2 chairs, the #3 chairs, the #4 chairs, respectively, until the one-on-one questions are completed. There will be an equal number of on-on-one questions per contestant per match.
    - a. The moderator shall clearly indicate the start of one-on-one play by announcing the chair number of the contestants' eligible to respond, prior to reading the question.
    - b. Toss-up/Bonus questions will not be used during one-on-one competition.
  - E. Response Penalty – if any contestant, other than the designated contestants, responds to a one-on-one or regular question, that contestant/team will lose 2 points.

- a. A contestant that responds out of turn for a second time to a one-on-one or regular question directed to another contestant will be replaced by their team alternate. If an alternate is not available, the remainder of the match will be played with less than a full team, and all one-on-one questions normally addressed to the eliminated contestant will be addressed to the contestant in the opposite numbered chair. This contestant may return to further matches in the contest.
- b. A third such penalty will disqualify them from the competition. The (-2) point penalty will continue for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> offense.

### **Reading and answering the questions:**

1. The moderator will read all questions – identify the type of question and designate the chairs eligible to respond when necessary. Five seconds will be allowed for starting a response. If an answer is not given or wrong, the moderator will give the correct answer, and read the next question. If the answer given is the same as or means the same as the expected answer, it will be accepted. If the answer is different than the expected answer, it will be referred to the judges' panel for decision.
2. Once a contestant activates a buzzer, they must be ACKNOWLEDGED by name or seat number before they can answer the question. After they have been acknowledged, the contestant has five (5) seconds to start a valid answer. First answers will be considered valid answers. It is the responsibility of the acknowledger to determine if an actual answer was started within the 5-second time limit. The answer must be completed within 20 seconds after initiating the response.
3. An acknowledgement penalty of one (-1) point will be deducted from contestant's score and their team if they answer a question before being acknowledged. The first answer given will be accepted as the official answer, including multiple response questions. Repeating the question will not be considered the initiation of the answer. If a question is read to completion, the judges may ask the contestant to explain, expand, be more specific, or clarify their answer.
4. If a question is INTERRUPTED during the reading of it, the moderator will stop reading as soon as a buzzer is activated. The contestant responding has five (5) seconds AFTER BEING ACKNOWLEDGED, TO BEGIN THEIR ANSWER. If the answer given is correct for the way the question was written, it will be accepted. If the answer given is correct for only the portion of the question heard, but wrong for the way the question was written in its entirety, the answer will not be accepted. If the question was interrupted, the judges will not be allowed to ask for any type of clarification of the answer given.
5. The judges' panel will be allowed to verify an answer, or the validity of a question. If verification cannot be made, the question will be replaced.
6. The moderator will not repeat (reread) any of the questions. However, when a question is interrupted before it is read to completion, the entire question may be read after the contestant has completed their response.

### **Playing teams and alternates:**

1. Only four (4) contestants shall be seated at the panel at any one time. Seat position must be declared prior to the competition and youth must remain in this seat for the duration of the entire contest. The only exception is when an alternate replaces a seated player during a match or the competition. See #2 below.
2. During any match, only one (1) alternate may be replaced at the panel when:
  - a. The moderator, team captain, team coach deems it impossible for one of the seated members to continue.
  - b. The captain/coach of a team requests the replacement of a team member.
3. The team member removed from a match becomes ineligible to return to that particular match. The team member removed and the replacement member are both eligible to participate in further matches. A five-member team is strongly recommended.
4. Members removed from play for disciplinary reasons may not come back to any more matches in the competition.

### **Style of play:**

Play will be round robin style unless there at least 8 teams participating, at which point it will go to double elimination.

### **Individual scores:**

1. Scores will be kept for each individual contestant, with the top 8 contestants receiving recognition.
2. Only those contestants who have participated in two or more matches will be considered for the top individual awards.
  - a. The high two match scores for each individual will be used in cases where individuals participate in more than two matches.
  - b. Ties for individual awards will be broken on the basis of: first – high average score per game for the entire contest; second – single high individual match scores; third – total number of points earned in the contest; and fourth – age of contestant with the older contestants given preference.

### **Team scores:**

1. If using round robin play, all scores from all matches will be tallied and the team with the most points will win. The rest of the team placings will be determined by the next highest points.

2. If using double elimination play, the rank of teams will be determined on the basis of their position within the double elimination bracket. In the champion round, the winning team must have defeated the second place team twice (champion round and a previous round) to be declared champion. If necessary, a second championship round will be played.
3. If using double elimination play, after two losses the teams eliminated in the same round will be placed with the team which lost by the fewest average points per match played. If teams are still tied, the team with the higher average score in all games played will be awarded the higher rank.

**Score keeping:**

1. The value of correct/incorrect responses, bonuses, and penalties are as follows:
 

a. correct answer in the one-on-one questions	2
b. correct answer in the open questions	1
c. toss up question – all answers required	1
d. bonus question – all required answers required	3
e. bonus question – all incomplete, incorrect or no answers	0
f. team participation – 4 correct answers	2
g. all incorrect answers	-1
h. response penalty – no answer started in 5 seconds	-2
i. response penalty – contestant not acknowledged	-1
j. response penalty – out of turn	-2
k. response penalty – out of turn 2 <sup>nd</sup> time in same match	-2 & eliminated from match
l. response penalty – out of turn 3 <sup>rd</sup> time in contest	-2 & eliminated from contest
2. During the second half of the match, all regular/open questions will be worth one (1) point, open to all members seated at the table. All toss-up questions will be worth (1) point and all bonus questions will be worth three (3) points if the number of required answers are correct.

**Team participation bonus:**

In order to encourage full team participation, each team member will have a bonus card at the table. When a team member gives a correct response to a one-on-one, regular, or toss-up question, that member will turn their card around to face the score keepers. A bonus worth two (2) points will be awarded to the team when all four bonus cards face the score keepers. The value of the question (1 or 2 points) will also be added to the score of the individual who answered the question, thus making that question worth 3 or 4 points, depending on the value of the question.

- a. When an alternate comes to the game table, if a bonus card is showing for that chair, it must be forfeited (turned around) and earned by the contestant coming into the game.
- b. When a team bonus has been earned once, the bonus cards will be turned around and the team has an opportunity to earn it again. A team may earn this bonus as many times as possible within a match.

**Time outs:**

1. The team captain, coach or any staff member may call for a “time out” for clarification of a rule, score, to seat an alternate, or to allow for any unexpected problem. “Time outs” may be called only after a question has been answered and before the next question starts.
2. A “time out” for an unexpected problem may not exceed a 5 minute delay in the round of play. At that time, the team member would be excused from the remainder of that round. If the team has an alternate (who has not already participated in the current round), they may replace the excused player. If there is no alternate, the remainder of the round will be played as a team of three.

**Holding rooms:**

1. All teams, alternates, and the coach must remain in the designated holding area until it is their turn to play.
2. After their round match is played, they must go to an appropriate designated area, until the conclusion of the round in progress.
3. After the round is completed, all teams/alternates and the coach (not eliminated from the contest) must return to the designated holding area to await their next match.
4. All coaches in the holding area are responsible for supervision of the teams. These rules are a matter of ethics and require the cooperation of all team members and coaches.

**Contest Procedures:**

1. Teams are assembled and seated at their respective panels, with the designated team captain seated in the #1 chair, nearest to the middle or the moderator. Each contestant is given the opportunity to check the equipment.
2. All team members will have a participation bonus card facing the contestant. They will be blank to the score keepers until that contestant gives a correct response to a question. At that time, the card will be turned around to face the score keepers.
3. The designated set of questions for each round is opened by the moderator and verified with the judges’ panel and referee before starting the game. Prior to reading a question, the moderator will announce the number, type of question, and the contestants eligible to respond. Each succeeding question will be read in this manner, until all of the questions for that match are read. The correct answer will be given for all unanswered questions or wrong answers.
4. Contestants, who respond to a question, will receive the appropriate points applied to a particular question. Appropriate penalties will be deducted as warranted.
5. If the time (5 seconds) in which to answer a question elapses without a contestant activating a buzzer, there shall be no loss or awarding of points to either team. After the response time has elapsed, the answer will be given, and the next question read.

6. If the buzzer is activated and an answer is not started within the 5 second allowable time, there will be a minus two (-2) penalty imposed against the contestant who activated the buzzer and their team.
7. If the judges elect to not use a game question, it must be replaced by another question so that the total number of questions to be asked will remain equal in each match.
8. If a question is answered incorrectly, the other team is not given the opportunity to answer the question. The correct answer will be given by the moderator and the contest will continue with the next question.
9. Any contestant, coach, family member, friends or spectators exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct, behavior or actions detrimental to the contest will be subject to dismissal from the immediate contest area.

**Match tie breakers:**

1. In the event of a match tie, it will be broken with five (5) tie breaker questions. If a tie remains, the first team to earn a point (or because of the loss of a point by the other team, has a 1 point advantage will be declared a match winner based on the scores.
2. Ties breaker points do not get added to individual, team, or team bonus scores. They are used to break match ties only.

**Team tie breakers:**

1<sup>st</sup> tie breaker – total average of all games played

2<sup>nd</sup> tie breaker – highest match score

3<sup>rd</sup> tie breaker – total score of the top two matches

**Equipment failure:**

1. It shall be the responsibility of the moderator to assure each contestant that all equipment is operating correctly at the start of each match. Back-up units will also be available.
2. If the device being used ceases to function during a match or is believed to be malfunctioning, a “time out” may be called by any contestant, the staff, or by either coach.
3. If after checking it and it is determined that there is an equipment malfunction/failure, the faulty part(s) or unit will be replaced and play resumed.
4. Scores accumulated up to the point of the “time out” shall stand and all further points awarded during the remainder of the match shall be added to or subtracted from this total.

5. If both judges (if we have two) or one judge and the moderator deem it advisable, points awarded for the two questions asked immediately prior to determination of the equipment failure may be recalled and two additional questions used.
6. Under no conditions shall there be a replay of a match in which there was an equipment failure.

### **Transcribing questions:**

1. Transcribing contest questions by any means during the competition is prohibited. There will be no hand-written, typed or in any way recorded documentation of questions. Use of electronic devices including cell phones, computers, I pads, tablets, etc. is not permitted in the contest or holding rooms. Affiliated teams will be immediately eliminated from the competition.
2. Cell phones must be turned off while in a contest room and photographs may only be permitted before or after a match.

### **Protest/verification of questions and/or answers:**

1. Verification of a question and answer is permissible.
2. Only protests that are made in a courteous, respectful manner will be acknowledged.
3. Protests must be made before the reading of the next question.
4. Only the team captain or team coach may call for an official protest of a question or the answer to a question. They must be able to immediately indicate in the current references where the information in question is located. The judge(s) and moderator will consider the protest. Their decision in all cases will be final.
5. If an official protest is acknowledged, play will be stopped, and the designated officials will consider the protest and make a decision. A (-1) point penalty will be assessed if the protest is not upheld.
6. To sustain a protest, at least two members of the designated judges' panel must agree to keep or replace a question, or to determine the validity of an answer.
7. If the protest is sustained by the officials, the moderator and/or score keepers will take one of the following actions:
  - a. If the question is determined by the officials to be a poor question, it will be replaced and open to a specific chair on each team or to all contestants seated at the game table, depending on the type of question (one-on-one or open).
  - b. If the answer to the question received a call for verification, the designated judges' panel will determine the validity of the answer. Points will then be awarded or subtracted as appropriate.

- c. If a question was protested after an answer is given, the designated judges' panel will determine the validity of the protested question. If the validity of the question is allowed, points will be awarded or subtracted as appropriate. If not, the question will be replaced.
8. All protests/challenges will be acknowledged by the contest staff.

**Abuse of protest provisions:**

1. In this competition, every effort will be made to be fair and courteous and understanding to the contestants and the coaches.
2. Abuse of this protest provision by any contestant or coach will result in one or more of the following:
  - a. Dismissal of team coach from the contest area.
  - b. Dismissal (or replacement) of any contestant from the competition.
  - c. Dismissal of an entire team from the competition, with forfeiture of points or standing.

**Game officials and equipment:**

1. Moderator – the moderator shall assume the responsibility for reading questions and will acknowledge the chairs that are eligible to respond to one-on-one and open questions, before the question is read. The moderator will accept all answers that are the same or mean the same as the expected answer to the question. Any answers different than the expected answer will be referred to the judges' panel, who will make the decision to accept or reject the given answer. Occasionally, the moderator may also be designated as a judge.
2. Judges Panel – one or two judges who are knowledgeable horse people. If possible, one could be a veterinarian. It is important for the judge(s) to be able to give reasons for not accepting an answer. The judge's responsibility will be to rule jointly (with another judge and/or the moderator) on the acceptability of any question or answers to all questions. In the event of a challenge to a question/answer, judge(s) and/or moderator must agree on actions to be taken.
3. If an answer was not clearly heard, the contestant may be asked to repeat their answer. If a question was read to completion, and the answer given is different than the one expected, if it is technically or logically correct you may accept the answer. If the answer given is "in the ballpark", the judge(s) may request the contestant to be more specific, expand, explain or clarify their answer. The answer is either correct or incorrect according to the way the question was written.
4. All answers given must be correct for the way the question is written. An answer may be correct for a portion heard for a question that was interrupted, but wrong for the way the question was written. The judge(s) may not ask questions, and the answer will be counted as a wrong answer. If the answer is correct for the way the question was written, it will be accepted.
5. All of the game questions will have the reference source noted. The required reference books will be available to look up information or to verify answers.

### **Time keepers/control operator:**

The time keeper will monitor all time intervals and designate when the time of response has been exceeded, and will handle all controls of the game equipment. In the event that a time keeper is unavailable, the moderator will assume these duties.

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| a. Start a response to a question     | 5 seconds  |
| b. Start answer after acknowledgement | 5 seconds  |
| c. Complete an answer                 | 20 seconds |
| d. Team conference for bonus          | 10 seconds |
| e. Complete bonus                     | 30 seconds |

### **Equipment:**

1. Game panels – an appropriate device will be used which will provide a clear indication of the first contestant to respond to a question.
2. Time recorders – stopwatch, control panel time, or other appropriate time device will be used.
3. Signal device – this signal device shall be used by the time keepers (or moderator) and shall have a distinctly different sound for each side, or a device that has a distinct sound and lights that indicate the contestant that is responding when their buzzer is activated. Back up units will be available in the event of malfunction or failure.
4. Score keeping devices – two devices will be used. A blackboard, flip chart, overhead projector or electronic light display will be used to maintain team scores that are visible to the contestants and score keepers and if possible, the spectators. Special score sheets will be provided for keeping the written official individual and game scores for each match of the contest.

### **Awards:**

Individuals will receive awards through 8<sup>th</sup> place.

Teams will receive awards through 8<sup>th</sup> place.

# Northeast Regional 4-H Horse Judging Contest



8:30 a.m.

Date:

Judging at:

Reasons at:

Superintendents: Deb Danforth ([Deborah.danforth@castleton.edu](mailto:Deborah.danforth@castleton.edu)) and Lori Wunderlich ([wunspot@ao.com](mailto:wunspot@ao.com))

## **Educational Objectives:**

*To provide a place for youth to compete regionally while encouraging teamwork and self-confidence and focusing on the 4-H Mission of Mandates of Science, Healthy Living and Citizenship.*

*To hold an event that is a capstone experience in itself; to provide a pathway to a future national experience. The event will provide a realistic warm up event for those planning to attend the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup.*

*To develop leadership by encouraging decision-making, teamwork, critical thinking and independence.*

## **Rules and Regulations:**

1. Each state is invited to enter up to two 4-H horse judging teams and/or up to two individuals.
2. Teams may be selected by any procedure which a state deems appropriate.
3. Contestants must be at least 13 years of age, but not yet have achieved their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. 13 year old members are allowed as the second representative of a state or as the sole representative(s) if no members, age 14 and over, have been selected to participate.
4. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which this event is held and eligibility must be certified by the State 4-H Extension Office.
5. Any 4-H member who has previously participated in the National 4-H Horse Judging Contest as a team member or alternate is not eligible for this event. Contestants are ineligible to participate if they are currently enrolled in college courses that provide specific training for horse judging, serve on a collegiate horse judging team or have participated in intercollegiate horse judging events.
6. Contestants (including alternates) may participate in only one contest per year at the Northeast Regional Contest. Contestants may participate in any specific contest no more than three times.

7. Each state is requested to provide one adult to assist the contest for each team or partial team entered.
8. Each team is responsible for transportation to and from the venue(s).

### **The Contest:**

Directions to the judging site are enclosed. The farm may or may not have an indoor facility. Plan accordingly. Following the judging of classes, we will proceed to the school for reasons and awards. Lunch will be available at the school and is included in your registration fee. Oral reasons start after lunch. If a contestant misses their assigned reasons time, they will forfeit that reasons score.

1. A team may have three or four members; when four are entered, the three highest scores in each category (placings, reasons, overall) will make up the team's total.
2. All contestants must report to the superintendents at the designed farm by 8:30 a.m. At 8:30 sharp, orientation will be at the site. Each will be assigned a number and be given placing cards.
3. Contestants shall not wear any clothing, pins or badges that will in any way reveal their identity or the state they represent while giving reasons.
4. While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between the contestants or anyone else except as directed by the contest superintendents or their representative.
5. There may be two to three halter classes and two to three performance classes. Contestants will give reasons on one halter class and one performance class. All halter classes will be judged as sound of limb, eye, wind, mouth and reproductive organs. Performance horses will be judged as seen (unsoundness to be penalized accordingly). All tack and attire is considered legal. Horses will be designated 1-2-3-4 worn by the handler/rider.
6. Horses will not be handled by the contestants, but time will be provided in halter classes for close inspection and observation of the horses at the walk and trot.
7. Fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed to the contestants to judge non-reason classes and seventeen (17) minutes will be given to the contestants during reasons classes to make their observations, take notes, and fill out their placing cards.
8. Two minutes will be allowed to give oral reasons to the judge. Contestants may use notes when judging, but are not permitted to use notes while giving oral reasons. The contestant's placing card will be made available to them upon entering the reasons room if they request it.
9. Coaches who are willing will serve as official judges for classes and reasons. Judging decisions will be done by consensus of those serving in this role. Coaches (or a designated volunteer) not serving as judges will serve in other contest roles such as tabulating scores, monitoring the holding room, etc.

**Contest Superintendents:**

1. It shall be the duty of the superintendent(s) to see that all rules and regulations are carried out.
2. They shall have charge of all records and shall have all scores received, tabulated and totaled.
3. The superintendent(s) will be responsible for monitoring all cuts on official placings.

**Determination of Ratings:**

1. Fifty (50) points shall constitute a perfect mark on placing and fifty (50) points a perfect mark on reasons.
2. Breaking ties (priority order):
  - a. If tied for a placing award, the contestant or team having the highest reasons score will be listed first.
  - b. If tied for an award in reasons, the contestant or team having the highest overall placing score will be listed first.
  - c. If tied for an individual or team award, the contestant or team having the highest overall reason score shall be listed first.
  - d. If still tied for any of the above, the contestant or team having the highest score in placing reason classes shall be first.
  - e. If still tied, coaches will consult.

**Cuts to be used:****Cut      Description**

- 1      Horses are extremely similar; no obvious reason why one should be placed over the other; or both horses have numerous faults and none supersedes the others; placing is strictly a matter of personal preference; placing varies among official judges
- 2      Horses are very close, but one horse has one or two qualitative or quantitative advantages; the majority of official judges would not switch the pair, but half of the contestants could logically switch the pair.
- 3      Horse of similar quality, but there is some logical placing in favor of one horse; either one horse has several advantages or one has several faults; all official judges would agree on the placing; no more than one third of contestants would be expected to switch the pair.

4. Horse are not of similar quality; one horse has several decided advantages based on many points; all experts would quickly see the placing; no guesswork or personal preference required to make placing; no more than 10% of the contestants would be expected to switch the pair.
5. Large number of extreme differences between the horses; placing is obvious to everyone on first, quick observation; careful study not required for the placing; pair consists of an inferior horse versus a consistent winner; only very inexperienced, uninformed contestants would switch the pair.
6. Horses not even comparable; differences reflective of a champion quality horse or performance versus a horse or performance that is not of show quality.

**Awards:**

1. The top 8 individuals in classes, reasons and overall will receive ribbons.
2. Each member of the top 8 teams will receive awards in the same categories.

# Northeast Regional 4-H Individual Presentation Contest



Date: 8:30 a.m.

Contest Location:

Superintendent: Cathy Leathersich (vt.cathode@gmail.com)

## **Educational Objectives:**

*To provide a place for youth to compete regionally while encouraging teamwork and self-confidence and focusing on the 4-H Mission of Mandates of Science, Healthy Living and Citizenship.*

*To hold an event that is a capstone experience in itself; to provide a pathway to a future national experience. The event will provide a realistic warm up event for those planning to attend the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup.*

*To develop leadership by encouraging decision-making, teamwork, critical thinking and independence.*

## **Rules and Regulations:**

1. Each state is invited to enter up to two 4-H individual presentation participants.
2. Individuals may be selected by any procedure which a state deems appropriate.
3. Contestants must be at least 13 years of age but not yet have achieved their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. 13 year old members are allowed as the second representative of a state or as the sole representative(s) if no members, age 14 and over, have been selected to participate.
4. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which this event is held and eligibility must be certified by the State 4-H Extension Office.
5. Any 4-H member who has previously participated in the National 4-H Individual Presentation contest is not eligible for this event. Contestants are ineligible to participate if they are currently enrolled in college courses that provide specific training for communications, serve on a collegiate communications team or have participated in intercollegiate communications events.
6. Contestants may participate in only one contest per year at the Northeast Regional Contest. Contestants may compete in any specific contest no more than three years.

### **General Information:**

1. A coaches meeting will be held prior to the beginning of the contest for the purpose of reviewing any rule changes and drawing for the order of presentation.
2. In the event that the national rules change, changes in this contest will be discussed at the coaches meeting before activities start.
3. Awards will be made after the conclusion of all presentations in all communications events and the conclusion of all other contests at the Regional Contest.
4. Contestants are asked to remain on site until awards are presented.

### **The Contest:**

1. The subject must pertain to the equine industry. Presentations that are not appropriately related to the equine industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judges.
2. The presentation may be a demonstration or illustrated talk. A demonstration is defined as a presentation of a step by step procedure with an end product or result. An illustrated talk is defined as a presentation or an idea or topic that uses visual aids to convey the message. Both presentation forms are acceptable and will be evaluated equally, although delivery methods are different as defined above. Both should utilize visual aids to help convey the major points of the presentation and more than one type of visual aid is preferable. Visual aids may include, but are not limited to: handouts, posters, props, videos, slides, and computer generated media (PowerPoints, websites, etc.). No live animals may be used.
3. Participants must supply their own props and equipment. Two tables and two chairs will be provided.
4. No coaching from parents or coaches during the demonstration is allowed.
5. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant, at the discretion of the judges.
6. A public address system will not be used during the contest.
7. During the event, the contestants may introduce themselves by name, state, and speech topic.
8. Presentations should be 9-12 minutes in length. Three points will be deducted from the total score for every minute (or fraction of a minute) under nine minutes or over twelve minutes.
9. Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of the contest. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
10. Coaches will not serve as judges. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant in the contest. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestants should repeat the question and then answer it.

11. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and announced at the coaches meeting.
12. Judges will score independently and then confer and discuss evaluations. Each judge assigns his or her final scores and then cumulative scores are tabulated to determine the final placings. Contest superintendents should review and check the tabulation of scores for completeness and mathematical accuracy.
13. Ties will be broken first by the judges' accumulated delivery score, then by the accumulated organization score and then by the accumulated content and accuracy score.
14. Business attire or dress appropriate to the demonstration is the appropriate attire for this contest. Improper attire, at the discretion of the judges, will be a violation and point deductions will be assigned at the discretion of the judges.
15. If time is available and for educational purposes, questions from the audience may be asked at the conclusion of the scoring.
16. Contestants may use video recorders to tape their own presentations. It is the responsibility of the coach/speaker to provide all necessary recording equipment.
17. No videotaping or photographing of presentations is allowed during the contest, except by respective coaches or their designees.
18. Scoring – see rubric scoresheet attached.

**Awards:**

The top eight (8) individuals will be awarded ribbons.

# Northeast Regional 4-H Team Presentations Contest



Date: 8:30 a.m.

Contest Location:

Superintendent: Cathy Leathersich (vt.cathode@gmail.com)

## **Educational Objectives:**

*To provide a place for youth to compete regionally while encouraging teamwork and self-confidence and focusing on the 4-H Mission of Mandates of Science, Healthy Living and Citizenship.*

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*To develop leadership by encouraging decision-making, teamwork, critical thinking and independence.*

## **Rules and Regulations:**

1. Each state is invited to enter up to two 4-H team presentation teams.
2. Teams may be selected by any procedure which a state deems appropriate.
3. Contestants must be at least 13 years of age but not yet have achieved their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. 13 year old members are allowed as the second representative of a state or as the sole representative(s) if no members, age 14 and over, have been selected to participate.
4. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which this event is held and eligibility must be certified by the State 4-H office.
5. Any 4-H members who has previously participated in the National 4-H Team presentation contest are not eligible for this event. Contestants are ineligible to participate if they are currently enrolled in college courses that provide specific training for communications, serve on a collegiate communications team or have participated in intercollegiate communications events.
6. Contestants may participate in only one contest per year at the Northeast Regional Contest. Contestants may compete in any specific contest no more than three years.

### **General Information:**

1. A coaches meeting will be held prior to the beginning of the contest for the purpose of reviewing any rule changes. Order of presentations will be established and distributed prior to the date of the contest. Conflicts may be discussed at the coaches' meeting.
2. In the event that the national rules change, changes in this contest will be discussed at the coaches meeting before activities start.
3. Awards will be made after the conclusion of all presentations in all communications events and the conclusion of all other contests at the Regional Contest.
4. Contestants are asked to remain on site until awards are presented.

### **The Contest:**

1. The subject must pertain to the equine industry. Presentations that are not appropriately related to the equine industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judges.
2. The presentation may be a demonstration or illustrated talk. A demonstration is defined as a presentation of a step by step procedure with an end product or result. An illustrated talk is defined as a presentation on an idea or topic that uses visual aids to convey the message. Both presentation forms are acceptable and will be evaluated equally, although delivery methods are different as defined above. Both should utilize visual aids to help convey the major points of the presentation and more than one type of visual aid is preferable. Visual aids may include, but are not limited to: handouts, posters, props, videos, slides, and computer generated media (PowerPoints, websites, etc.). No live animals may be used.
3. Participants must supply their own props and equipment. Two tables and two chairs will be provided.
4. No coaching from parents or coaches during the demonstration is allowed.
5. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant, at the discretion of the judges.
6. A public address system will not be used during the contest.
7. During the event, the contestants may introduce themselves by name, state, and speech topic.
8. Presentations should be 10-15 minutes in length. Three points will be deducted from the total score for every minute (or fraction of a minute) under ten minutes or over fifteen minutes. Official time will be kept by a designated person – not to be the judges or coaches.
9. Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of the contest. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.

10. Coaches will not serve as judges. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant in the contest. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestants should repeat the question and then answer it.
11. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and distributed prior to the contest. Conflicts may be discussed at the coaches' meeting.
12. Judges will score independently and then confer and discuss evaluations. Each judge assigns his or her final scores and then cumulative scores are tabulated to determine the final placings. Contest superintendents should review and check the tabulation of scores for completeness and mathematical accuracy.
13. Ties will be broken first by the judges' accumulated delivery score, then by the accumulated organization score and then by the accumulated content and accuracy score.
14. Business attire or dress appropriate to the demonstration is the appropriate attire for this contest. Improper attire, at the discretion of the judges, will be a violation and point deductions will be assigned at the discretion of the judges.
15. If time is available and for educational purposes, questions from the audience may be asked at the conclusion of the scoring.
16. Contestants may use video recorders to tape their own presentations. It is the responsibility of the coach/speaker to provide all necessary recording equipment.
17. No videotaping or photographing of presentations is allowed during the contest, except by respective coaches or their designees.
18. Scoring – see rubric scoresheet attached.

**Awards:**

The top eight (8) teams will be awarded ribbons.

# Northeast Regional 4-H Public Speaking Contest



Date: 8:30 a.m.

Location:

Superintendent: Cathy Leathersich (vt.cathode@gmail.com)

## **Educational Objectives:**

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*To develop leadership by encouraging decision-making, teamwork, critical thinking and independence.*

## **Rules and Regulations:**

1. Each state is invited to enter up to two 4-H public speaking participants.
2. Individuals may be selected by any procedure which a state deems appropriate.
3. Contestants must be at least 13 years of age but not yet have achieved their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. 13 year old members are allowed as the second representative of a state or as the sole representative (s) if no members, age 14 and over, have been selected to participate.
4. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which this event is held and eligibility must be certified by the State 4-H office.
5. Any 4-H member who has previously participated in the National 4-H Public Speaking contest is not eligible for this event. Contestants are ineligible to participate if they are currently enrolled in college courses that provide specific training for communications, serve on a collegiate communications team or have participated in intercollegiate communications events.
6. Contestants may participate in only one contest per year at the Northeast Regional Contest. Contestants may compete in any specific contest no more than three years.

**General Information:**

1. A coaches meeting will be held prior to the beginning of the contest for the purpose of reviewing any rule changes. Order of presentations will be established and distributed prior to the date of the contest. Conflicts may be discussed at the coaches' meeting.
2. In the event that the national rules change, changes in this contest will be discussed at the coaches meeting before activities start.
3. Awards will be made after the conclusion of all presentations in all communications events and the conclusion of all other contests at the Regional Contest.
4. Contestants are asked to remain on site until awards are presented.

**The Contest:**

1. The subject must pertain to the equine industry. Speeches that are not appropriately related to the equine industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judges.
2. No visual aids may be used.
3. No coaching from parents or coaches during the speech is allowed.
4. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant, at the discretion of the judges.
5. A public address system will not be used during the contest.
6. During the event, the contestants may introduce themselves by name, state, and speech topic.
7. Speeches should be 7-10 minutes in length. Three points will be deducted from the total score for every minute (or fraction of a minute) under seven minutes or over ten minutes. Official time will be kept by a designated person – not to be the judges or coaches.
8. Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of the contest. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
9. Coaches will not serve as judges. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant in the contest. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestants should repeat the question and then answer it.
10. Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and distributed prior to the contest. Conflicts may be discussed at the coaches' meeting.

11. Judges will score independently and then confer and discuss evaluations. Each judge assigns his or her final scores and then cumulative scores are tabulated to determine the final placings. Contest superintendents should review and check the tabulation of scores for completeness and mathematical accuracy.
12. Ties will be broken first by the judges' accumulated delivery score, then by the accumulated organization score and then by the accumulated content and accuracy score.
13. Business attire or dress is the appropriate attire for this contest. Improper attire, at the discretion of the judges, will be a violation and point deductions will be assigned at the discretion of the judges.
14. If time is available and for educational purposes, questions from the audience may be asked at the conclusion of the scoring.
15. Contestants may use video recorders to tape their own presentations. It is the responsibility of the coach/speaker to provide all necessary recording equipment.
16. No videotaping or photographing of presentations is allowed during the contest, except by respective coaches or their designees.
17. Scoring – see rubric scoresheet attached.

**Awards:**

The top eight (8) individuals will be awarded ribbons.

# Northeast Regional 4-H Team Communications Award



Date: 8:30 a.m.

Contest Location:

Superintendent: Cathy Leathersich (vt.cathode@gmail.com)

## **Educational Objectives:**

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*To develop leadership by encouraging decision-making, teamwork, critical thinking and independence.*

## **Awards:**

1. For a state team to be considered for this award, they must have entries in at least two of the communications contests (public speaking, individual presentation, team presentation). Both the A team and the B team from each state may be considered for a team communications award.
2. A total score for each state will be calculated by adding the final scores for each contest entry.
3. Ties will be broken first by the combined judges' delivery scores, then by the combined judges' organization scores, and finally, by the combined judges' content and accuracy scores.
4. The top 8 teams will receive awards.

New England 4-H Horse Contests - **Hippology Team**

Date:

Entry Deadline: September 18, 2020

Entry Fee: \$35 per team member (lunch included for team members and 2 coaches)

Mail To: Mary Fay, 140 Kennedy Drive, Suite 201, South Burlington, VT 05403

Checks To: Massachusetts 4-H Foundation

*To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Mary Davis at 603-862-2188 by September 18, 2020 so we may assist you.*

Name of State: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One::            A Team                      B Team                      Individual(s)

Name of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address for Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Contestants:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Any special dietary needs (vegetarian, gluten-free, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby approve the participation of the above contestants and declare that they are eligible 4-H members.

State 4-H Specialist Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

New England 4-H Horse Contests - **Judging Team**

Date:

Entry Deadline: September 18, 2020

Entry Fee: \$35 per team member (lunch included for team members and 2 coaches)

Mail To: Mary Fay, 140 Kennedy Drive, Suite 201, South Burlington, VT 05403

Checks To: Massachusetts 4-H Foundation

*To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Mary Davis at 603-862-2188 by September 18, 2020 so we may assist you.*

Name of State: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One::            A Team                      B Team                      Individual(s)

Name of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address for Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Contestants:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Any special dietary needs (vegetarian, gluten-free, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby approve the participation of the above contestants and declare that they are eligible 4-H members.

State 4-H Specialist Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

New England 4-H Horse Contests - **Horse Quiz Bowl Team**

Date

Entry Deadline: September 18, 2020

Entry Fee: \$35 per team member (lunch included for team members and 2 coaches)

Mail To: Mary Fay, 140 Kennedy Drive, Suite 201, South Burlington, VT 05403

Checks To: Massachusetts 4-H Foundation

*To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Mary Davis at 603-862-2188 by September 18, 2020 so we may assist you.*

Name of State: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One::            A Team                      B Team                      Individual(s)

Name of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address for Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Contestants:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special dietary needs (vegetarian, gluten-free, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby approve the participation of the above contestants and declare that they are eligible 4-H members.

State 4-H Specialist Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

New England 4-H Horse Contests - **Public Speaking**

Date

Entry Deadline: September 18, 2020

Entry Fee: \$35 per team member (lunch included for team members and 2 coaches)

Mail To: Mary Fay, 140 Kennedy Drive, Suite 201, South Burlington, VT 05403

Checks To: Massachusetts 4-H Foundation

*To request a disability-related accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Mary Davis at 603-862-2188 by September 18, 2020 so we may assist you.*

Name of State: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One::            A Team                      B Team

Name of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address for Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Speech: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special dietary needs (vegetarian, gluten-free, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby approve the participation of the above contestants and declare that they are eligible 4-H members.

State 4-H Specialist Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

New England 4-H Horse Contests - **Individual Presentation**

Date

Entry Deadline: September 18, 2020

Entry Fee: \$35 per team member (lunch included for team members and 2 coaches)

Mail To: Mary Fay, 140 Kennedy Drive, Suite 201, South Burlington, VT 05403

Checks To: Massachusetts 4-H Foundation

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Name of State: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One::            A Team                      B Team

Name of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address for Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special dietary needs (vegetarian, gluten-free, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby approve the participation of the above contestants and declare that they are eligible 4-H members.

State 4-H Specialist Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

New England 4-H Horse Contests - **Team Presentation**

Date

Entry Deadline: September 18, 2020

Entry Fee: \$35 per team member (lunch included for team members and 2 coaches)

Mail To: Mary Fay, 140 Kennedy Drive, Suite 201, South Burlington, VT 05403

Checks To: Massachusetts 4-H Foundation

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Name of State: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One::            A Team                      B Team

Name of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address for Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Contestants: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Title of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special dietary needs (vegetarian, gluten-free, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby approve the participation of the above contestants and declare that they are eligible 4-H members.

State 4-H Specialist Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

New England 4-H Horse Contest  
Public Speaking

Time: 7 to 10 minutes, 3 points will be deducted from the total score for every minute (or fraction of a minute) under 7 or over 10.

Name:	State:
Title:	Time:

<b>Speech Format 20</b>						<b>Comments</b>
Followed a logical order	5	4	3	2	1	
Introduction was adequate and drew attention to the topic	5	4	3	2	1	
Main discussion was well organized, adequately covered topic	5	4	3	2	1	
Summary was brief and clearly reiterated key points	5	4	3	2	1	
<b>Knowledge of subject matter 25</b>						
Facts and information presented were accurate	8	6	4	2	1	
High level of preparation shown by amount and depth of info	8	6	4	2	1	
Approved practices were discussed	8	6	4	2	1	
Excellent job - +1 to make score of 25	1					
<b>Delivery 25</b>						
Speaker was neatly and appropriately dressed	3	2	1			
Strong eye contact and spoke directly to audience	3	2	1			
Pace was consistent and appropriate (not too fast or too slow)	3	2	1			
Displayed enthusiasm	3	2	1			
Good voice control and quality	3	2	1			
Words pronounced correctly and proper word choice used	3	2	1			
Notes, if used, did not distract	3	2	1			
Did not seem memorized	3	2	1			
Excellent job - +1 to make score of 25	1					
<b>Credit and Content 20</b>						
Info obtained from reputable and/or equine research based sources	6	4	2	1		
Credit given to sources of info if appropriate	6	4	2	1		
Content was appropriately related to equine industry	6	4	2	1		
Excellent job - +2 to make score of 20	2	1				
<b>Questions 10</b>						
Handled questions easily and with confidence	3	2	1			
Thoughtful in responses, thoroughly answered questions	3	2	1			
Response indicates deep knowledge and understanding of topic	3	2	1			
Excellent job - +1 to make score of 10	1					
Additional Comments:						

<b>Total Points Above</b> _____	<b>Time Penalty Points</b> _____	<b>Final Score</b> _____
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Signature of Judge \_\_\_\_\_





New England 4-H Horse Contest  
Team Presentation

Time: 10 to 15 minutes, 3 points will be deducted from the total score for every minute (or fraction of a minute) under 10 or over 15.

Name:	State:
Title:	Time:

<b>Presentation Format 15</b>						<b>Comments</b>
Followed a logical order	4	3	2	1		
Introduction was adequate and drew attention to the topic	4	3	2	1		
Main discussion was well organized, adequately covered topic	4	3	2	1		
Summary was brief and clearly reiterated key points	3	2	1			
<b>Materials/Visual Aids 15</b>						
Materials, equipment carefully selected, neatly arranged, organized	5	4	3	2	1	
Visual aids were of high quality, easily visible	5	4	3	2	1	
Content of visual aids pertinent to topic	5	4	3	2	1	
<b>Knowledge of Subject Matter 25</b>						
Facts and information presented were accurate	8	6	4	2	1	
High level of preparation shown by amount and depth of info	8	6	4	2	1	
Approved practices were presented/used	8	6	4	2	1	
Excellent job - +1 to make score of 25	1					
<b>Delivery 25</b>						
Presenters neat and appropriately dressed for subject	3	2	1			
Strong eye contact and spoke directly to audience	3	2	1			
Pace was consistent and appropriate (not too fast or too slow)	3	2	1			
Displayed enthusiasm	3	2	1			
Good voice control and quality	3	2	1			
Words pronounced correctly, and proper word choice used	3	2	1			
Notes, if used, did not distract	3	2	1			
Did not seem memorized	3	2	1			
Presenters worked together and contributed equally	1					
<b>Credit and Content 10</b>						
Info obtained from reputable and/or equine research based sources	3	2	1			
Credit given to sources of info if appropriate	3	2	1			
Content was appropriately related to equine industry	3	2	1			
Excellent job - + 1 to make score of 10	1					
<b>Questions 10</b>						
Handled questions easily and with confidence	3	2	1			
Thoughtful in responses, thoroughly answered questions	3	2	1			
Response indicates deep knowledge and understanding of topic	3	2	1			
Excellent job - +1 to make score of 10	1					
Additional Comments:						

**Total Points Above** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time Penalty Points** \_\_\_\_\_ **Final Score** \_\_\_\_\_



Signature of Judge \_\_\_\_\_



ORAL REASONS SCORESHEET

Final Score _____
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Participant # \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Circle ONE score in each section.

Criteria Ex-Excellent Gd-Good Fr-Fair NI-Needs improvement	Ex	Gd	Fr	NI	Comments
<b>PRESENTATION (total of 15 points)</b>					<b>Subtotal</b> _____
Grooming (hair, attire), professional appearance	3	2	1	0	
Posture and body language (stance, appropriate distance)	3	2	1	0	
Poise, confidence, eye contact, facial expression	3	2	1	0	
Voice clear, audible, inflection used effectively	3	2	1	0	
Smooth, persuasive delivery; no long pauses	3	2	1	0	
<b>ORGANIZATION (total of 9 points)</b>					<b>Subtotal</b> _____
Introduction and conclusion	3	2	1	0	
Logical order, top, middle, bottom pairs used, smooth transitions to pairs	3	2	1	0	
Correct grammar, used comparative terms	3	2	1	0	
<b>KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT (total of 21 points)</b>					<b>Subtotal</b> _____
Stressed major strengths	3	2	1	0	
Covered all important differences between each pair	3	2	1	0	
Grants used appropriately, covered important facts, faulted bottom horse only	3	2	1	0	
Terms relevant to class being judged, used correctly	3	2	1	0	
Used descriptive adjectives for class	3	2	1	0	
Accuracy of statements	3	2	1	0	
Sufficient content used, appropriate length	3	2	1	0	
<b>OVERALL IMPRESSION (5 points)</b>					<b>Subtotal</b> _____
Convincing, well delivered style of presentation	5	4	3	2	

Total of scores (one score from each section) \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator(s) \_\_\_\_\_